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Curriculum Vita

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EDUCATION

2004-2005: State University of New York at Buffalo School of Law
LLM, Major: Criminal Law

2000-2003: Mississippi College School of Law
Juris Doctorate, Law

1994-1998: University of New Mexico
Bachelor of Arts & Sciences Degree, Major: Political Science

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Fall 2006: Assistant Professor at Central Washington University
Legal Research, Evidence and Arrest, Introduction to Criminal Law, Administration of Justice, Family Law, Ethics and Diversity in Criminal Justice

Fall 2005: Instructor at Central Washington University
Legal Research, Evidence and Arrest, Introduction to Criminal Law, Administration of Justice, Corrections

Spring 2005: Instructor with the Prison Task Force, State University of New York at Buffalo
Research and writing at WENDE Maximum Security Prison. The class prepared prisoners to take the New York State exam to be law library clerks for the prison.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2004: Resident Advocate
Albuquerque Opportunity Center provided basic resources to a community of homeless men and helped them to transition into better living situations.

2002: Summer Intern

Harlem Legal Services Responsible for interviewing clients and wrote motions in eviction cases. Successfully settled a termination case with the New York City Housing Authority, agreement was very favorable to the client.

2002: Summer Advocate

Courtroom Advocates Project The program was part of the Harlem Legal Services internship it allowed students to experience different facets of law. The two week session provided students with the opportunity to assist victims of domestic violence in family court to file an order of protection. Helped the women to prepare their oral testimony and referred them to needed resources.

2001: Summer Intern

Mississippi Center for Legal Services assisted staff attorneys with legal research to help low-income clients. Researched divorce, property and landlord tenant issues for the mentoring attorneys.

1999- 2000 Team Leader

AmeriCorps, Thomas Bell Community Center (community site) Albuquerque, NM supervised a group of AmeriCorps members to implement service learning activities. Worked to improve literacy in an at risk community. In addition, taught GED classes to the community.

1998: Law Intern

New Mexico's Children's Court Albuquerque, New Mexico January 1998 to April 1998 experience included viewing court proceedings and learned the inside operations of the youth court system.

1992-1994: Youth Coordinator

Citizens for New York City, Youth Force, Helped to create and coordinate a youth alliance in Spofford Youth Detention Center in the Bronx to prevent recidivism among youth involved in the juvenile justice system. Directed a borough-wide community Program called Take Back the Park. The summer long program helped community members take back parks from drug dealers and give it back to the families in the neighborhood. Had opportunity to teach other communities how to implement the TBTP program.

PUBLICATIONS

May 2008: Accepted for publication Sixteenth Street Bombings. Sage Reference publication, Encyclopedia of Race and Crime.

June 2008: Published in Criminal Justice Review volume 33 issue 2. Book review of Locked Out: Felon Disenfranchisement and American Democracy (2006) by Manza and Uggen. <http://CJR.sagepub.com/contentvol33/issue2>.

August 2007: Accepted for publication George L. Jackson. Sage Reference publication, Encyclopedia of Race and Crime.

SUBMITTED PUBLICATIONS

August 2008: submitted for publication a book review of Mapp v. Ohio: Guarding Against Unreasonable Searches and Seizures (2006) by Carolyn N. Long.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

December 2008: To be submitted to a law review journal article Can the Military Solve the Re-entry Problem. The military has made enlistment exceptions for people with serious criminal misconduct in their backgrounds. It is alleged recruiters are offering to excuse drug felons if they go to Iraq. If so, the question is, will the door opportunity open for the veterans when they return? Or will they come back and face the same obstacles?

May 2009: To be submitted journal article Civil Commitment and Crime. After the tragic incident at Virginia Tech, it appeared that the mental health care system failed to help the shooter. This article will examine the barriers to civil commitment and whether the laws are the problem.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY WITH STUDENTS

May 2008: Can Uncle Sam Keep his Promise? Mentored two students as they prepared to present their research at Central Washington University Symposium on University Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE).

March 2008: A Comparison of Virginia and Washington State Civil Commitment Laws. Paper Accepted with graduate Erica Twilleger 45th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice in Cincinnati, Ohio.

May 2007: Washington State: A Model for Voting Restoration? Mentored two students as they prepared to present their research at Central Washington University Symposium on University Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE).

May 2007: Patient or Prisoner: Barriers to Effective Mental Health Care had the opportunity to mentor one student as they prepared for (SOURCE).

May 2006: Education Denied: Drug Offenders Attempt to Reform, worked with two undergraduate students to present their research at Central Washington University Symposium on University Research and Creative Expression (SOURCE).

Independent Study

2007: Graduate Programs in Criminal Justice No GRE Required worked with one to research to research schools and produce a final and create a resource for the Law and Justice department.

2006: Mental Health and Prisoners work with one student to complete research and a final term paper.

Internships

2008: Supervised two students and provided feedback based on the required reading, final paper and submitted time sheets.

2007: Supervised seven students and provided feedback based on the required reading, final paper and submitted time sheets.

2006: Supervised one student and provided feedback based on the required reading, final paper and submitted time sheets.

PAPERS PRESENTED

A Comparison of Virginia and Washington State Civil Commitment Laws. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice and Sciences annual meeting on March 15, 2008 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Protection or Criminalization: An Analysis of the Washington State Civil Commitment Laws. Paper accepted to be presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice and Sciences annual Meeting on March 14, 2007 in Seattle, Washington.

Cruel and Unusual Punishment: Prison Health Care Privatization in the Jails and Prisons. Paper accepted and presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual meeting on February 28 to March 4, 2006 in Baltimore, Maryland.

We Are Family: Mentorship in Academia. Dr. Bobby Cummings & Teresa Francis paper accepted and presented at the Washington State Faculty and Staff of Color in Higher Education November 2, 2006 in Vancouver Washington.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Spring- 2008- Assisted the Law and Justice Club with the panel discussion and screening of the controversial film Execution.

Fall 2005 - Currently: Faculty Advisor for Black Student Union- worked with students to produce cultural programs for the campus community.

Fall 2005- Currently: Co-faculty Advisor for the Law and Justice Club- worked with the students to fundraise so that they may complete a community service project in New Orleans.

Guest Lectures

June 2008: What Does It Mean To Be A Productive Member In A Global Society Achievers College Experience Camp, Washington Education Foundation, Central Washington University Ellensburg, Washington.

February 2008: Guest Lecture- LAJ 451 Crime in America for Dr. Sarah Britto, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington.

October 2007: Guest Lecture- Civil v. Criminal: Introduction to the Law Political Science Course 101 Introduction to Politics for Dr. Gilberto Garcia, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington.

June 2007: What Does It Mean To Be A Productive Member In A Global Society Achievers College Experience Camp, Washington Education Foundation, Central Washington University Ellensburg, Washington.

April 2007: Cruel and Unusual Punishment, TRIO Talent Search Program, Visitation Program Central Washington University.

June 2006: What Does It Mean To Be A Productive Member In A Global Society Achievers College Experience Camp, Washington Education Foundation, Central Washington University Ellensburg, Washington.

April 2006: Introduction to Law and Justice for students from Tacoma Washington Upward Bound Program, Central Washington University Visitation Program, Ellensburg, Washington.

February 2006: Introduction to Law and Justice for students from Tacoma Washington Upward Bound Program, Central Washington University Visitation Program, Ellensburg, Washington.

December 2005: Family Advocacy Family and Public Policy Course, Central Washington University, Ellensburg Washington.

October 2005: A Panther in Africa Margaret Mead Traveling Film Festival, Central Washington University, Ellensburg Washington.

Campus Committees

2008- Library search committee

2007- Currently- CWU Committee for the African American, African and Black Diaspora Studies Program/ Scholars for the Dream Living Learning Community

2006- Currently- President Diversity Council

COMMUNITY SERVICE

April 2008: Book review of Family Law and Practice: The Paralegal Guide, Second Edition, Grace A. Luppino & Justine Fitzgerald Miller

March 2007: Hurricane Katrina, 1 year, I worked with LAJ Club to raise money and send students and was one of two faculty members to go and work to aid in Hurricane Katrina Relief effort.

Workshops

February 2008: Teresa Francis with students Domonique Meeks and Mischaela Mathews, “Trying to Catch Me Riding Dirty” Discussion with students about racial profiling and whether the war on terror has compromised our 4th Amendment rights. Oregon Students of Color Coalition Conference Corvallis, Washington.

February 2008: Teresa Francis with student Perry Lomax, “1-800 Save a Brotha” Explored with students the role of the prosecutors in the mass incarceration of the Black

male. As an example we discussed the Jena Six case. Oregon Students of Color Coalition Conference Corvallis, Washington.

February 2008: Teresa Francis with students Celina Chavez and Rhea Worley Can a Brotha Get a Job??? The workshop discussed the barriers former drug offenders face when they get out of prison and try to reintegrate into the community. Oregon Students of Color Coalition Conference Corvallis, Washington.

April 2007: Teresa Francis with students Perry Lomax and Natasha Shafapay, “Trying to Catch Me Riding Dirty” Taught students about racial profiling and whether the war on terror has compromised our 4th Amendment rights. The 17th Annual Students of Color Leadership Conference Yakima, Washington.

February 2007: Teresa Francis with students Sarah Elerson and Breanna Eshghi, Can a Brotha Get a Job??? The workshop discussed the barriers former drug offenders face when they get out of prison and try to reintegrate into the community. The 6th Annual Oregon Students of Color Coalition Conference, Western Oregon University.

February 2007: Teresa Francis with students Perry Lomax and Natasha Shafapay, “Trying to Catch Me Riding Dirty” Taught students about racial profiling and whether the war on terror has compromised our 4th Amendment rights. The 6th Annual Oregon Students of Color Coalition Conference, Western Oregon University.

November 2006: Trying to Catch Me Riding Dirty” Taught students about racial profiling and the 4th Amendment. Latino Youth Summit, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington.

January 2006: Can a Brotha Get a Job??? The legal penalties that make it difficult for ex-cons to make it. Oregon Students of Color Coalition Conference Portland, Oregon

April 2006: Can a Brotha Get a Job??? The legal penalties that make it difficult for ex-cons to make it. 16th Annual Students of Color Conference Seatac, Washington.

AWARDS

Spring 2007: The Central Washington University ALLY Certificate of Excellence: In recognition of valuable contributions to the Lesbian, Gay and Questioning individuals in the Central Washington University community.

REFERENCES

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